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PASS OPIC FOR THOMAS SEDLAR, VICE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EINV, OPIC, YO

SUBJ: OPIC FY 1976 ANNUAL REPORT

REF: (A) STATE 29471, (B) BELGRADE 554

1. YUGOSLAVS QUITE PLEASED AT OPIC DESIRE TO FEATURE YUGOSLAVIA IN REPORT FOR FY 76. THEY EXPRESSED WISH TO PREPARE NOT ONLY HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL STATEMENT BUT ALSO DIGEST OF GENERAL INFORMATION (WHICH EMBASSY WAS READY TO PREPARE).

2. THREE WEEKS AFTER OUR APPROACH TO YUGOSLAVS, HOWEVER, THEY STILL HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO INDICATE WHEN THEY MIGHT COMPLETE THE MATERIAL. THEY SPEAK OF NEED TO PREPARE IT WITH CARE AND POINT TO THE DIFFICULTY OF DOING SO AT A TIME WHEN STAFF IN THE APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES IS WORKING OVERTIME ON OTHER TASKS, SUCH AS DRAFTING URGENTLY NEEDED LEGISLATION.

3. SINCE WE ASSUME OPIC HAS PRINTING DEADLINE TO MEET, IT MAY BE BEST TO DEFER FEATURING YUGOSLAVIA UNTIL NEXT YEAR. WE WOULD SUGGEST AGAIN APPROACHING THE YUGOSLAVS AT LEAST THREE TO FOUR MONTHS BEFORE DEADLINE FOR FY 77 REPORT.

4. MEANWHILE, YUGOSLAV EMBASSY HAS JUST INFORMED FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT THAT ARTICLE ON YUGOSLAVIA HAS APPEARED IN A PUBLICATION JUST RELEASED BY OPIC. AT YUGOSLAV REQUEST, CAN OPIC PLEASE CLARIFY ITS EMBASSY'S REPORT, PROVIDE COPIES OF ANY ARTICLE ON YUGOSLAVIA, AND INDICATE WISH ON FEATURE

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